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Ms Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket No. 04-70 - Ex Parte Communication

Dear Ms Dortch:

We recently received a copy of the letter (dated July 9, 2004) from the National Emergency Number Association ("NENA") to your office in support of the AT&T Wireless (AWS) / Cingular merger. We wish to express our encouragement of the proposed merger as well.

As President of the Alabama Chapter of NENA, and Director of the Cullman County Public Emergency Communication District, I have worked with numerous cellular providers to bring enhanced 911 services to wireless users in my community. Both Cingular and AWS continue to make progress in their E9-1-1 deployment and are working diligently to meet their E9-1-1 Phase I and Phase II obligations.

I believe that the capabilities of each company to implement and improve E9-1-1 services will be strengthened by their merger and can see no adverse affect in the on-going deployment of E9-1-1 services. In fact, I feel that the PSAP community will benefit by the expanded footprint that result from the merger of these two wireless companies.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this issue. Should you have any concerns or questions; please don't hesitate to contact us directly.

Sincerely,


Roger C. Humphrey

President, Alabama Chapter of NENA

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